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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: ZHOU  
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EXAMINER: Unknown  
Group Art Unit: 1711

For: PROCESS FOR SYNTHESIZING METAL BOROHYDRIDES

Hon. Commissioner of Patents  
and Trademarks  
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**AMENDMENT BEFORE EXAMINATION**

Sir:

Applicant hereby requests that the above identified application be amended as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please cancel original claims 1-12 add new claims 13-26 which more clearly define the patentable subject matter of the invention. No new matter has been added.

13. A process for synthesizing metal borohydride alkali solutions which comprises the steps of:

synthesizing a carrier powder for proton H;

bonding hydrogen to said carrier powder;

producing a metal borohydride powder from said carrier;